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MEMORANDUM FOR

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SUBJECT: ARGO

The recognition of the interaction between national security and civil uses of overhead photography has existed for eight years or more, and the fact that some of the systems of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) might fulfill some of the civil needs for as long. To this end, in 1967 the ARGO Committee was instituted to identify and act as a mechanism by which civil needs might be made known to the NRO.\*

This system has been functioning now for about two years and if one is candid it would have to be said that though some "tasking" of NRO resources has taken place, the ARGO Committee has not stressed the capabilities that are available.

The purpose of this memorandum is to set down the foregoing impressions and to say that I would like to telephone for a brief meeting with you to get your views on the need and utility of ARGO, and what, if any, changes are required to make it more useful.

\*Your ARGO  is 

  
Chairman  
ARGO Committee

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